

## GENERAL WALKER BEATEN.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1857.  
New Orleans papers of Wednesday last week are to hand. The ship *Monarch* had arrived at New Orleans with dates from Punta Arenas and Costa Rica to the 31 of December. The papers were jubilant over the news that Gen. Walker had been beaten and compelled to evacuate Granada and take refuge in the Island of Ometepe.

The latest advices from Texas report an attempt on the part of the negroes in Houston County to revolt had been frustrated.

## SERIOUS RAILROAD COLLISION.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1857.  
A serious collision took place on the Connecticut Railroad this morning, between Springfield and Chilochee, by a freight and passenger train coming together. One man, named Fogarty, is reported killed, and three or four others dangerously wounded.

## THE TRANSATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1857.  
The President has transmitted to the Senate, in reply to the resolution of that body, a letter from the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, in which the President is informed that contracts have been made for the construction of a submarine cable to connect the continents of Europe and America, and that it is expected to have the line between New York and London open for business by the 4th of July next.

The work has been prosecuted thus far by American capital, and by the efforts of this Administration to ascertain the feasibility of the enterprise, it is the earnest desire of the Directors to secure to the Government of the United States equal privileges with those stipulated for by the British Government. In which with the Lords Commissioners of the British Treasury have acceded in the most liberal spirit, by providing that

"The British Government shall have a priority in the conveyance of their messages over all others, subject to the exception only of the Government of the United States."

The American Directors say they cannot doubt that the creation of a line in favor of the United States will be deemed of great moment, and therefore ask the President to take such action in the premises as he may deem the interests of this Government to require.

The Company will enter into contract with the Government of the United States on the same terms and conditions as in the British Government, and such contract, they suppose, will fall within the provisions of the Constitution in regard to postal arrangements, of which this is only a new and improved form. Her Majesty's Government engage to furnish aid by ships to lay the cable, and to suggest the most convenient stations for the cable, and to assist in the business.

## CONVENTION OF EDITORS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1857.  
A Convention of the Representatives of Editors of Schools was held here yesterday. Resolutions were passed asserting the power and duty of Congress to prohibit slavery in the Territories; regarding the principles and measures of the Philadelphia Convention essential to the prosperity of the country; and urging that, as the State Senate of 1856 rejected the Joint Convention for the election of a United States Senator and other officers, and refused to pass a law prescribing the mode of election of United States Senators, it is but just and proper that the Opposition members of the approaching Legislature refuse with firmness and determination to go into a joint Convention for the election of a United States Senator by a separate vote of the two Houses.

The hotels are crowded to-day with members of the Legislature, which meets to-morrow. The delegates to the Republican State Convention met at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

## NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

From Our Own Reporter.  
SENATE.—Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1856.

Mr. SPENCER presented a memorial from Peter Cooper, asking that he may found a scientific institute.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.  
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Mr. KELLY offered a resolution calling for statistics of the State in Savings Banks and Trust Companies, and the amount of loans in note, draft or negotiable paper, and to describe the security taken, which was adopted.

THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.  
Mr. HALE moved that the Senate take up the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the case of Messrs. Sickles and Barr.

[This] it will be recollected, was the contested seat for the Third Senatorial District, and was under consideration the night of the adjournment of the last Legislature. The Committee had reported in favor of giving the seat to Mr. Barr, and had had the floor in its own behalf when the time for final adjournment arrived.

The question being put on taking up the question to-day, debate ensued, in the course of which Senator SICKLES stated that there had transpired since the adjournment evidence which, he thought, would settle the question in his favor.

The question was finally postponed till Friday next, at noon, and the Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

Mr. VAN ALLEN offered a resolution of Albany for an appropriation in aid of settlers in Kansas. Referred to the Committee having charge of that branch of the Governor's Message.

Mr. CLINTON relative to draining lands in Tonawanda Swamp. Mr. BISHOP, to amend the charter of the Village of Chittenango. Mr. STAPLES, for the relief of Silas Walbridge; also of Ezra S. Graves; also of Byron Hartley. Mr. LACEY, of J. B. Miller for relief. Mr. H. BAKER, to charter the Turn Verein of New York City. Mr. VARNUM, of an alien for relief.

Mr. SHERMAN—For authority to alter width of highways in Oneida County, also, to amend the law relating to publication of election notices. Also, to make express of Board of Health chargeable upon cities and towns where occurred; also, to preserve the purity of elections (referred to a select committee of five); also, to repeal the law exempting corporations from taxation where their profits do not exceed five per cent; also, to repeal the law exempting mining and quarrying from taxation; also, against dividing Oneida County. Mr. JONES—Relative to common lands in Hempstead, Queens County. Mr. VAN VALKENBURGH—Of the New York State Temperance Society to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in New York City. (Referred to the Committee of the Whole, having charge of that branch of the Governor's message.)

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Among those who have heretofore acquired position on this arena, none will occupy a more commanding position than Mr. H. B. Baker of Montgomery. He is an excellent debater. His forte lies in the strength of his logic. No man's blows fall with more weight. On subjects which justify the use of "heavy metal" he has no superior. Like many another man of great strength, he is more than ordinarily modest.

Messrs. Van Valkenburg of Steuben, Foot of Ontario, Jones of Queens, Prudden of Chautauque, Waken of Genesee, Varnum of New York and Wooster of Herkimer are among the most prominent of those who have been here before, while Mr. Sherman of Oneida and Mr. Higginson of Columbia are well-known strong men among the new members. Very little of importance will be done without the cooperation of some of these gentlemen. And yet neither of them will make half the number of speeches that some of our city members will. Next in influence to the man who speaks well is the common-sense man who says nothing. The poorest creatures are those who are always speaking, without having anything to say. For example, Mr. Squire of St. Lawrence, who doesn't usually occupy the floor two hours through a whole session, has a thousand-fold more weight than Mr. Blank of your city, whose mouth is as constantly open as a young robin's.

Of the mass of new men, we must wait a day or two for their measure. Not a few of them promise well.

The Appropriation and Supply bills laid over last Winter will be acted upon to-day, and something will be done before long toward changing the mode of appointments for the Canals.

Some curious developments in regard to the "American" idea of economy, as illustrated in the disposition of the Legislative Printing, might be made if one could only get at the official figures. I shall hunt for them. Yours, J. A. A.

## GOV. POLLOCK'S MESSAGE.

The Message of the Governor of Pennsylvania, received the finances of that State as in a favorable condition. The revenue for the next year is estimated as likely to exceed the ordinary expenses by a million and a half of dollars. With a liberal allowance for extraordinary expenses, this would leave a million to be applied to the extinguishment of the debt, which now amounts to a little over forty millions. The annual increase of revenue ought to meet any reasonable increase of expenses, leaving at least a million to be annually appropriated to the debt, which might, by this operation alone, be extinguished in less than twenty-three years.

The receipts from the public works slightly exceed two millions, produced about equally by the canals and by the Columbia Road; but as the expenditures reached \$1,943,896, the net revenue to the State was only \$62,118. Of these expenditures, however, \$908,892 were extraordinary, including \$397,000 for repairing the south track of the Columbia Railroad, \$181,194 for completing the Portage Railroad, and \$122,723 for completing the North Branch extension. Of the public works generally the Governor speaks with little satisfaction, and of the Portage Railroad with great disgust; he seems, however, to be very well pleased with the completion of the North Branch extension, which has at last been accomplished so as to connect with our New York canals. But he is decidedly opposed to any further undertakings—even the enlargement of the Delaware Division, which gives a handsome net revenue, amounting last year to \$264,000, unless demanded by reasons of overwhelming necessity.

He again recommends with great urgency the sale of the public works, especially of the main line. Of the western part of it, including the Portage Railroad over the mountains, the expenses largely exceed the income—a deficit which, under the operation of existing causes, is likely to go on increasing; and he thinks that the State should not delay to get rid of such a burdensome piece of property for a fair consideration, and on terms